resulted in delay in release of grants-in-aid.

(e) Government has been advising the Management Committees to submit the requisite documents in time.

[*Translation*]

Regularisation of Encroachments of Forests Land

3444. SHRI ARVIND NETAM:
SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the State Government for taking a policy decision in regard to the regularisation of encroachments of forest area upto 24. 10. 1980;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Union Government now propose not to accord its approval to the regularisation of encroachments of forests by tribals ignoring its circular dated 18. 9.1990; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL; NATH): (a) and (b) . Yes, Sir. The policy decision has been taken on 18. 9.1990.

(c) No, Sir.

(d). Does not arise.

[*English*]

Grant of Mining Leases

3445. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:
SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court's interlocutory order regarding ban on mining activity in Sariska Sanctuary with effect from December 31, 1991 has been implemented;

(b) whether Government contemplate to asses the extent of damages done to Sariska Sanctuary, Aravalli Hills ecology in particular and to the other part of Rajasthan in general;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government also propose to revise its policy of granting mining leases in areas sensitive to environmental degradation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Supreme Court had issued an interlocutory direction that no mining operation of whatever nature should be carried on with in the Sariska Tiger Reserve. The Supreme Court had also appointed a Committee, with the responsibility, inter alia, of ensuring the enforcement of the orders of the Court. A situation report submitted to the Supreme Court by the above committee is under consideration of the Supreme Court.

(b) and (c). (i) The Supreme Court had directed the Committee referred to in reply to part (a) of the question as above, wildwife by to asses the environment, ecology and the mining activity carried on in the Sariska